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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: K. TANAKA et al  
Serial No. 10/303,841  
Filed: November 26, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2819  
Examiner: V. Tan  
For: LEVEL CONVERSION CIRCUIT AND  
SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT  
DEVICE EMPLOYING THE LEVEL CONVERSION  
CIRCUIT

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

MS: Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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August 26, 2003

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/303,841, filed on November 26, 2002, entitled LEVEL CONVERSION CIRCUIT AND SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE EMPLOYING THE LEVEL CONVERSION CIRCUIT, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Basic Fee									\$ 750.00
Total Claims	3	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84	=	0.00
Total Filing Fee									\$ 750.00

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-seven (27) sheets, Figs. 1(a)-25(c). These drawings incorporate the changes approved in the prior application(s).

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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**Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.**


7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi ULSI Systems Co., Ltd..

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 9-359273, filed December 26, 1997.

The certified priority document was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/209,755.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/303,841, as originally filed on November 26, 2002.

  
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